

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below in the complete listing of claims.

1-95 (Canceled)

96. (New) A disposable, recloseable lid comprising:
a mounting ring for mounting the lid to a cup;
a cap comprising an upper surface located above the mounting ring, a peripheral wall extending upwardly from the mounting ring and terminating at an upper surface, and a mounting recess formed in the upper surface;
a drink element extending above the upper surface and terminating in a top wall located above the upper surface and a drink opening located in the top wall; and
a tab closure comprising a mounting plug and a drink plug connected by a strap, the mounting plug is configured to be received within the mounting recess to mount the tab closure to the cap, the drink plug is configured to be received within the drink opening to close the drink opening, and the strap is configured to permit the insertion of the drink plug into the drink opening when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess, whereby a user can open and close the lid by removing or inserting the drink plug from the drink opening while the tab closure remain mounted to the cap.

97. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the drink plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the drink opening such that the drink plug snap-fits within the drink opening.

98. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the drink opening comprises a well and the drink plug is received within the well when the lid is closed.

99. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 98 wherein the well and the drink plug are sized such that the drink plug is press-fit within the well.

100. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 99 wherein the well comprises a peripheral wall extending interiorly from the drink opening, and the drink plug has a peripheral wall that is complementary to the well peripheral wall such that at least a portion of the well and drink plug peripheral walls contact when the drink plug is inserted in the well for the press-fit connection.

101. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 100 wherein the well further comprises a bottom wall extending from the peripheral wall and in which is formed a lower opening, and the drink plug has a complementary bottom wall from which the drink plug peripheral wall extends, and the well and drink plug bottom walls cooperate to limit the insertion of the drink plug into the well.

102. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 and further comprising a drink plug holder for holding the drink plug in a stored position when the lid is in the open position.

103. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 102 wherein the drink plug holder comprises at least one finger extending from one of the cap and mounting ring and overlying a portion of the tab closure to hold the drink plug in a stored position.

104. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 102 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a recess in the cap and which is sized to receive the drink plug and hold the drink plug in a stored position.

105. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 102 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a projection on one of the cap and tab closure and a complementary recess on the other of the cap and tab closure such that the projection is received within the recess and holds the drink plug in a stored position.

106. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the tab closure further comprises a hinge on the strap enabling the drink plug to pivot relative to the mounting plug.

107. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 106 wherein the drink plug includes a lift tab for aid in the removal of the drink plug from the drink opening by rotating the drink plug about the hinge.

108. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the mounting recess has a bottom wall and the mounting plug has a bottom wall, which is spaced above the mounting recess bottom wall when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to define a chamber therebetween.

109. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 108 and further comprising a vent opening formed in the mounting recess bottom wall and fluidly connected to the chamber.

110. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 109 wherein the mounting plug has a vent opening fluidly connected to the chamber.

111. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 110 wherein the mounting plug vent opening is sized such that liquid cannot span the vent opening through the inherent surface tension of the liquid.

112. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 107 wherein the mounting recess and mounting plug have corresponding inset portions and the strap connects to the mounting plug at the inset portion.

113. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the drink element has as reduced width at the opposite ends of the drink opening.

114. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the cap and closure tab have a substantially common and uniform thickness.

115. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 114 wherein the cap and closure tab are formed from a common sheet of plastic.

116. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 115 wherein the cap and closure tab are thermoformed from a common sheet of plastic.

117. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 96 wherein the mounting ring defines a peripheral channel sized to receive the rim of a cup.

118. (New) A disposable, recloseable lid comprising:
a mounting ring for mounting the lid to a cup;
a cap comprising an upper surface located above the mounting ring, a peripheral wall extending upwardly from the mounting ring and terminating at an upper surface;
a drink element extending above the upper surface and terminating in a top wall located above the upper surface and a drink opening located in the top wall; and
a tab closure mechanically coupled to the cap and movable to selectively close the drink opening.

119. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the tab closure is removably coupled to the cap.

120. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein one of the cap and tab closure has a mounting recess and the other of the cap and tab closure has a mounting plug sized to be received within the mounting recess to mechanically couple the tab closure to the cap.

121. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 120 wherein the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess in a press-fit relationship.

122. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 121 wherein mounting recess comprises a peripheral rim defining an open top for the recess, and the mounting plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the open top to form the press-fit relationship when the mounting plug is received within the open top.

123. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 122 wherein the mounting plug has a peripheral wall and the mounting recess has a peripheral wall, wherein at least a portion of the peripheral walls abut when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to form the press-fit relationship.

124. (New) The disposable, reclosable lid according to claim 123 wherein each of the peripheral walls has a negative draft.

125. (New) The disposable, reclosable lid according to claim 124 wherein the peripheral walls have the same draft.

126. (New) The disposable, reclosable lid according to claim 125 wherein the peripheral walls have different drafts.

127. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 120 wherein the tab closure comprises a drink plug that is received within the drink opening to selectively close the drink opening.

128. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 127 wherein the drink plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the drink opening such that the drink plug snap-fits within the drink opening.

129. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 127 wherein the drink opening comprises a well and the drink plug is received within the well when the lid is closed.

130. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 129 wherein the well and the drink plug are sized such that the drink plug is press-fit within the well.

131. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 130 wherein the well comprises a peripheral wall extending interiorly from the drink opening, and the drink plug has a peripheral wall that is complementary to the well peripheral wall such that at least a portion of the well and drink plug peripheral walls contact when the drink plug is inserted in the well for the press-fit connection.

132. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 127 wherein the mounting plug is located on the tab closure and the mounting recess is located in the upper surface.

133. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 132 wherein the tab closure further comprises a strap connects the drink plug to the mounting plug.

134. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 133 wherein the tab closure further comprises a hinge on the strap enabling the drink plug to pivot relative to the mounting plug.

135. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 134 wherein the drink plug includes a lift tab for aid in the removal of the drink plug from the drink opening by rotating the drink plug about the hinge.

136. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 135 wherein the mounting recess is located on the cap and the mounting plug is located on the tab closure.

137. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 136 wherein the mounting recess has a bottom wall and the mounting plug has a bottom wall, which is spaced above the mounting recess bottom wall when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to define a chamber therebetween.

138. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 137 and further comprising a vent opening formed in the mounting recess bottom wall and fluidly connected to the chamber.

139. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 138 wherein the mounting plug has a vent opening fluidly connected to the chamber.

140. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 139 wherein the mounting plug vent opening is sized such that liquid cannot span the vent opening through the inherent surface tension of the liquid.

141. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 133 wherein the mounting recess and mounting plug have corresponding inset portions and the strap connects to the mounting plug at the inset portion.

142. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the cap is dome-shaped.

143. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the drink element has as reduced width at the opposite ends of the drink opening.

144. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 and further comprising a drink plug holder for holding the drink plug in a stored position when the lid is in the open position.

145. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 144 wherein the drink plug holder comprises at least one finger extending from one of the cap and mounting ring and overlying a portion of the tab closure to hold the drink plug in a stored position.

146. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 144 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a recess in the cap and which is sized to receive the drink plug and hold the drink plug in a stored position.

147. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 144 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a mounting plug on one of the cap and tab closure and a complementary recess on the other of the cap and tab closure such that the mounting plug is received within the recess and holds the drink plug in a stored position.

148. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the cap and closure tab have a substantially common and uniform thickness.

149. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the cap and closure tab are formed from a common sheet of plastic.

150. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 149 wherein the cap and closure tab are thermoformed from a common sheet of plastic.

151. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 118 wherein the mounting ring defines a peripheral channel sized to receive the rim of a cup.

152. (New) A disposable, recloseable lid comprising:
a mounting ring for mounting the lid to a cup;
a dome-shaped cap sized to overlie and substantially cover the open top of a cup and terminating in an upper surface located above the mounting ring, with a mounting recess formed in the upper surface;
a side wall at least partially encircling the upper surface and terminating in a top wall located above the upper surface, with a drink opening located in the top wall; and
a tab closure comprising a mounting plug and a drink plug connected by a strap, the mounting plug sized to be received within the mounting recess, and the drink plug sized to be received within the drink opening wherein the user can open and close the lid by removing or inserting the drink plug from the drink opening.

153. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the drink plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the drink opening such that the drink plug snap-fits within the drink opening.

154. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the drink opening comprises a well and the drink plug is received within the well when the lid is closed.

155. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 154 wherein the well and the drink plug are sized such that the drink plug is press-fit within the well.

156. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 155 wherein the well comprises a peripheral wall extending interiorly from the drink opening, and the drink plug has a peripheral wall that is complementary to the well peripheral wall such that at least a portion of the well and drink plug peripheral walls contact when the drink plug is inserted in the well for the press-fit connection.

157. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 156 wherein the well further comprises a bottom wall extending from the peripheral wall and in which is formed a lower opening, and the drink plug has a complementary bottom wall from which the drink plug peripheral wall extends, and the well and drink plug bottom walls cooperate to limit the insertion of the drink plug into the well.

158. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 and further comprising a drink plug holder for holding the drink plug in a stored position when the lid is in the open position.

159. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 158 wherein the drink plug holder comprises at least one finger extending from one of the cap and mounting ring and overlying a portion of the tab closure to hold the drink plug in a stored position.

160. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 159 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a recess in the cap and which is sized to receive the drink plug and hold the drink plug in a stored position.

161. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 158 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a projection on one of the cap and tab closure and a complementary recess on the other of the cap and tab closure such that the projection is received within the recess and holds the drink plug in a stored position.

162. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the tab closure further comprises a hinge on the strap enabling the drink plug to pivot relative to the mounting plug.

163. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the drink plug includes a lift tab for aid in the removal of the drink plug from the drink opening by rotating the drink plug about the hinge.

164. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the mounting recess has a bottom wall and the mounting plug has a bottom wall, which is spaced above the mounting recess bottom wall when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to define a chamber therebetween.

165. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 164 and further comprising a vent opening formed in the mounting recess bottom wall and fluidly connected to the chamber.

166. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 165 wherein the mounting plug has a vent opening fluidly connected to the chamber.

167. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 166 wherein the mounting plug vent opening is sized such that liquid cannot span the vent opening through the inherent surface tension of the liquid.

168. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 163 wherein the mounting recess and mounting plug have corresponding inset portions and the strap connects to the mounting plug at the inset portion.

169. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the side wall has as reduced width at the opposite ends of the drink opening.

170. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the cap and closure tab have a substantially common and uniform thickness.

171. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 170 wherein the cap and closure tab are formed from a common sheet of plastic.

172. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the cap and closure tab are thermoformed from a common sheet of plastic.

173. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 152 wherein the mounting ring defines a peripheral channel sized to receive the rim of a cup.

174. (New) A disposable, recloseable lid comprising:
a mounting ring for mounting the lid to a cup;
a dome-shaped cap sized to overlies and substantially cover the open top of a cup and terminating in an upper surface located above the mounting ring;
a side wall at least partially encircling the upper surface and terminating in a top wall located above the upper surface, with a drink opening located in the top wall; and
a tab closure mechanically coupled to the cap and movable to selectively close the drink opening.

175. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the tab closure is removably coupled to the cap.

176. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein one of the cap and tab closure has a mounting recess and the other of the cap and tab closure has a mounting plug sized to be received within the mounting recess to mechanically couple the tab closure to the cap.

177. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 176 wherein the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess in a press-fit relationship.

178. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 177 wherein mounting recess comprises a peripheral rim defining an open top for the recess, and the mounting plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the open top to form the press-fit relationship when the mounting plug is received within the open top.

179. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 178 wherein the mounting plug has a peripheral wall and the mounting recess has a peripheral wall, wherein at least a portion of the peripheral walls abut when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to form the press-fit relationship.

180. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 179 wherein each of the peripheral walls has a negative draft.

181. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 180 wherein the peripheral walls have the same draft.

182. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 181 wherein the peripheral walls have different drafts.

183. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 176 wherein the tab closure comprises a drink plug that is received within the drink opening to selectively close the drink opening.

184. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 183 wherein the drink plug has a portion with a dimension greater than or equal to the drink opening such that the drink plug snap-fits within the drink opening.

185. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 183 wherein the drink opening comprises a well and the drink plug is received within the well when the lid is closed.

186. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 185 wherein the well and the drink plug are sized such that the drink plug is press-fit within the well.

187. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 186 wherein the well comprises a peripheral wall extending interiorly from the drink opening, and the drink plug has a peripheral wall that is complementary to the well peripheral wall such that at least a portion of the well and drink plug peripheral walls contact when the drink plug is inserted in the well for the press-fit connection.

188. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 183 wherein the mounting plug is located on the tab closure and the mounting recess is located in the upper surface.

189. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 188 wherein the tab closure further comprises a strap connects the drink plug to the mounting plug.

190. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 189 wherein the tab closure further comprises a hinge on the strap enabling the drink plug to pivot relative to the mounting plug.

191. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 190 wherein the drink plug includes a lift tab for aid in the removal of the drink plug from the drink opening by rotating the drink plug about the hinge.

192. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the mounting recess is located on the cap and the mounting plug is located on the tab closure.

193. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 192 wherein the mounting recess has a bottom wall and the mounting plug has a bottom wall, which is spaced above the mounting recess bottom wall when the mounting plug is received within the mounting recess to define a chamber therebetween.

194. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 193 and further comprising a vent opening formed in the mounting recess bottom wall and fluidly connected to the chamber.

195. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 194 wherein the mounting plug has a vent opening fluidly connected to the chamber.

196. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 195 wherein the mounting plug vent opening is sized such that liquid cannot span the vent opening through the inherent surface tension of the liquid.

197. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 188 wherein the mounting recess and mounting plug have corresponding inset portions and the strap connects to the mounting plug at the inset portion.

198. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the side wall has as reduced width at the opposite ends of the drink opening.

199. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 and further comprising a drink plug holder for holding the drink plug in a stored position when the lid is in

the open position.

200. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 199 wherein the drink plug holder comprises at least one finger extending from one of the cap and mounting ring and overlying a portion of the tab closure to hold the drink plug in a stored position.

201. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 199 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a recess in the cap and which is sized to receive the drink plug and hold the drink plug in a stored position.

202. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 199 wherein the drink plug holder comprises a mounting plug on one of the cap and tab closure and a complementary recess on the other of the cap and tab closure such that the mounting plug is received within the recess and holds the drink plug in a stored position.

203. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the cap and closure tab have a substantially common and uniform thickness.

204. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the cap and closure tab are formed from a common sheet of plastic.

205. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 204 wherein the cap and closure tab are thermoformed from a common sheet of plastic.

206. (New) The disposable, recloseable lid according to claim 174 wherein the mounting ring defines a peripheral channel sized to receive the rim of a cup.